

Overview of resource based virtual communities

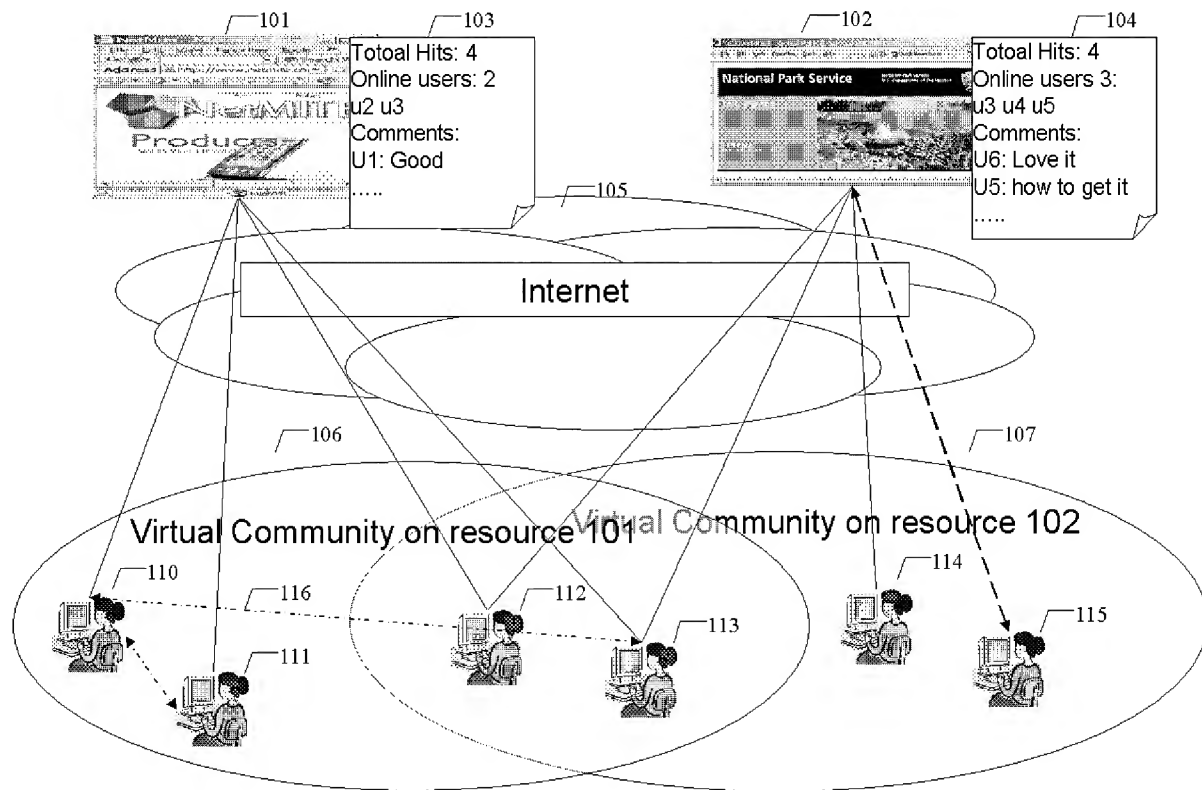


Fig. 1

Users of virtual community connect to community services and interact with each other

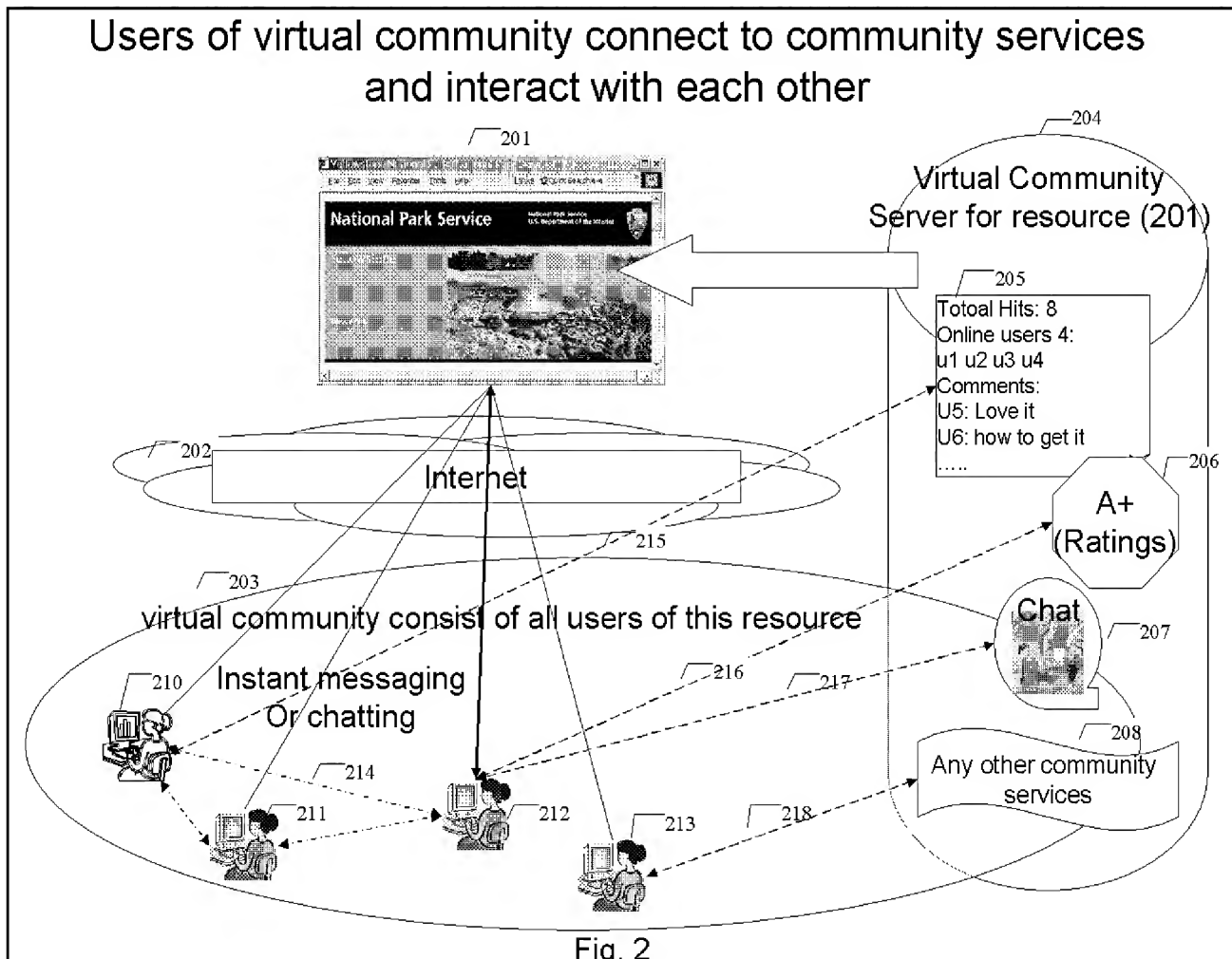


Fig. 2

Sequence of users in virtual community to interact with each other

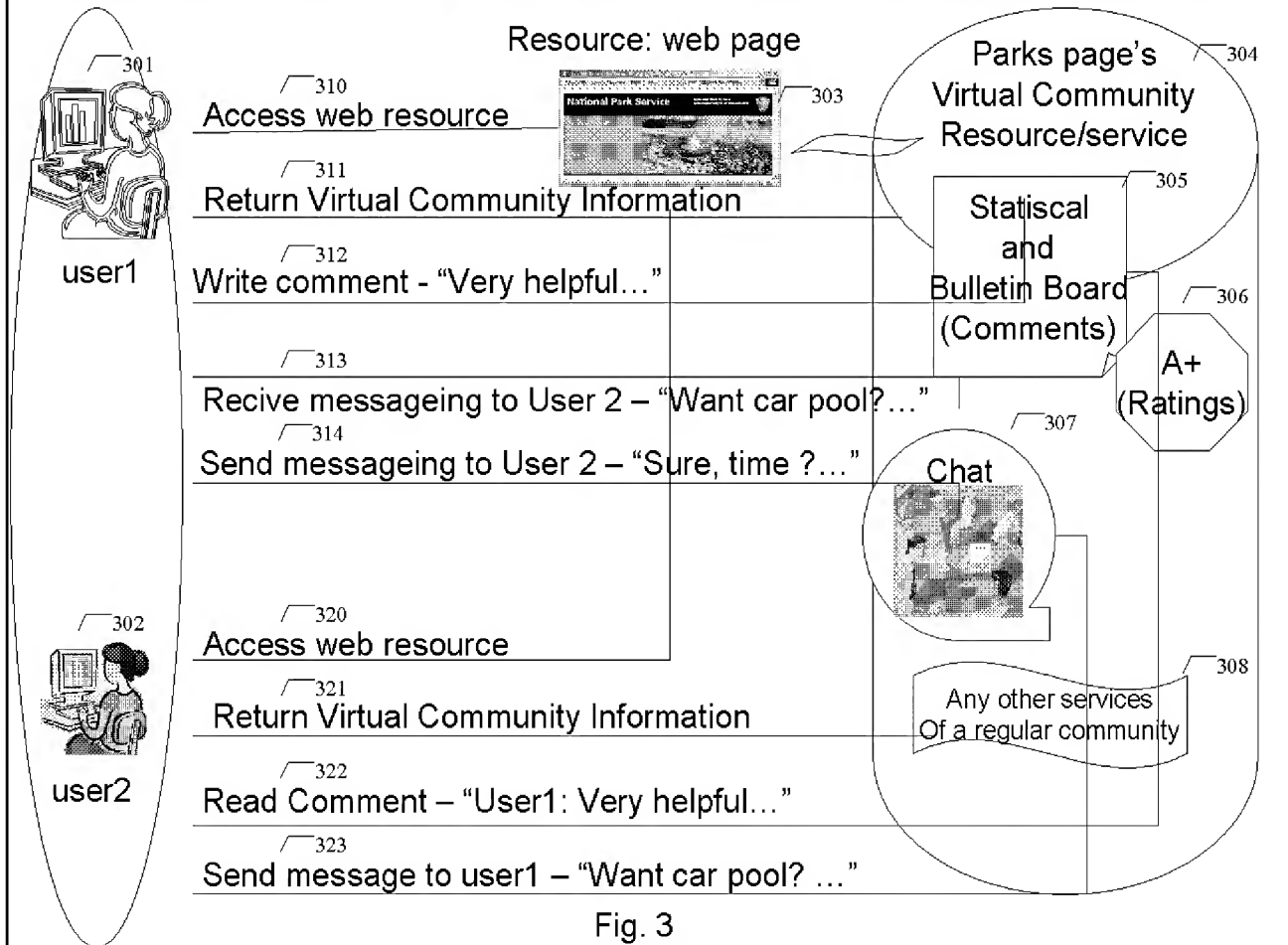


Fig. 3

Method to access virtual communities through global virtual community proxy or gateway

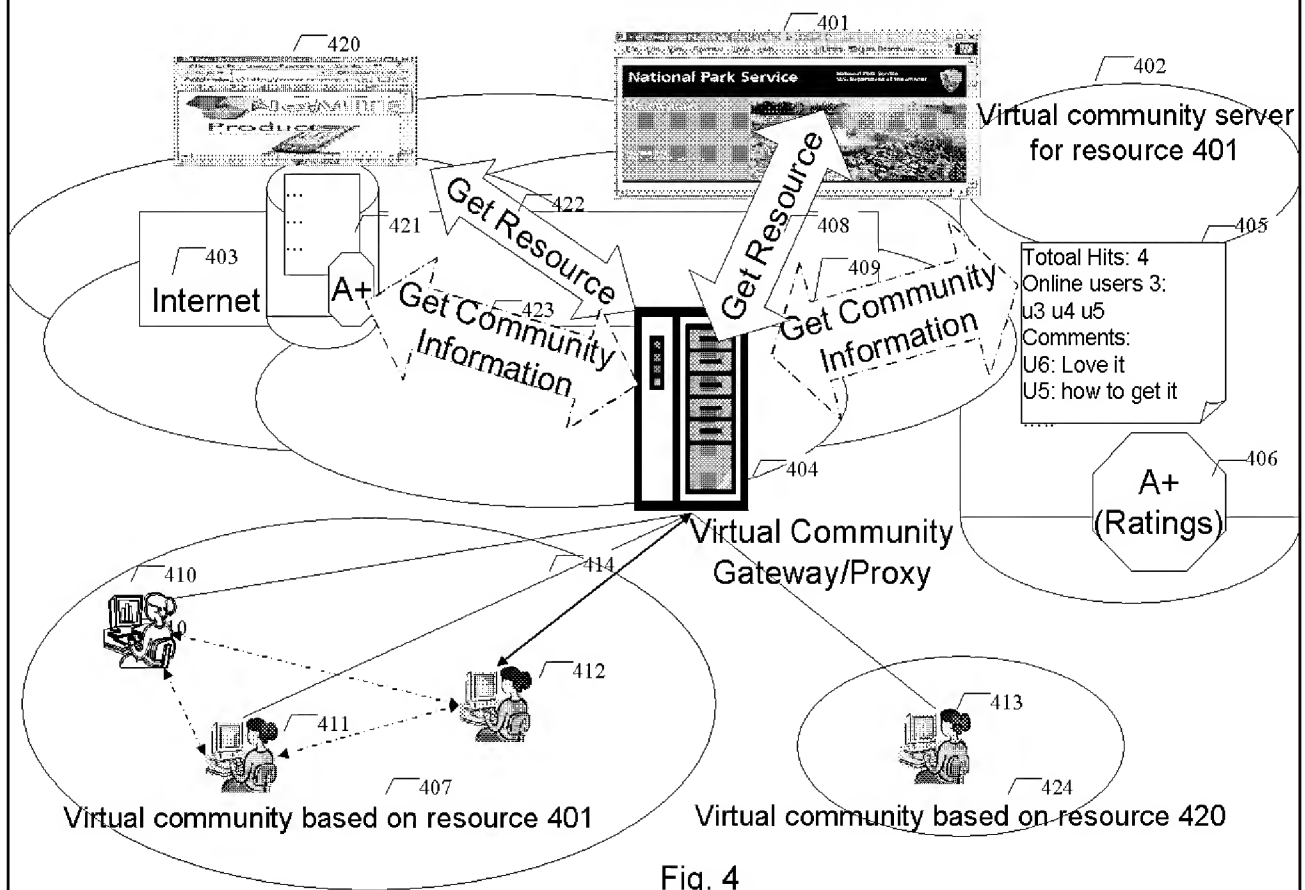


Fig. 4

Method to use browser toolbar button or context menu to connect to virtual community based on current web resource accessed

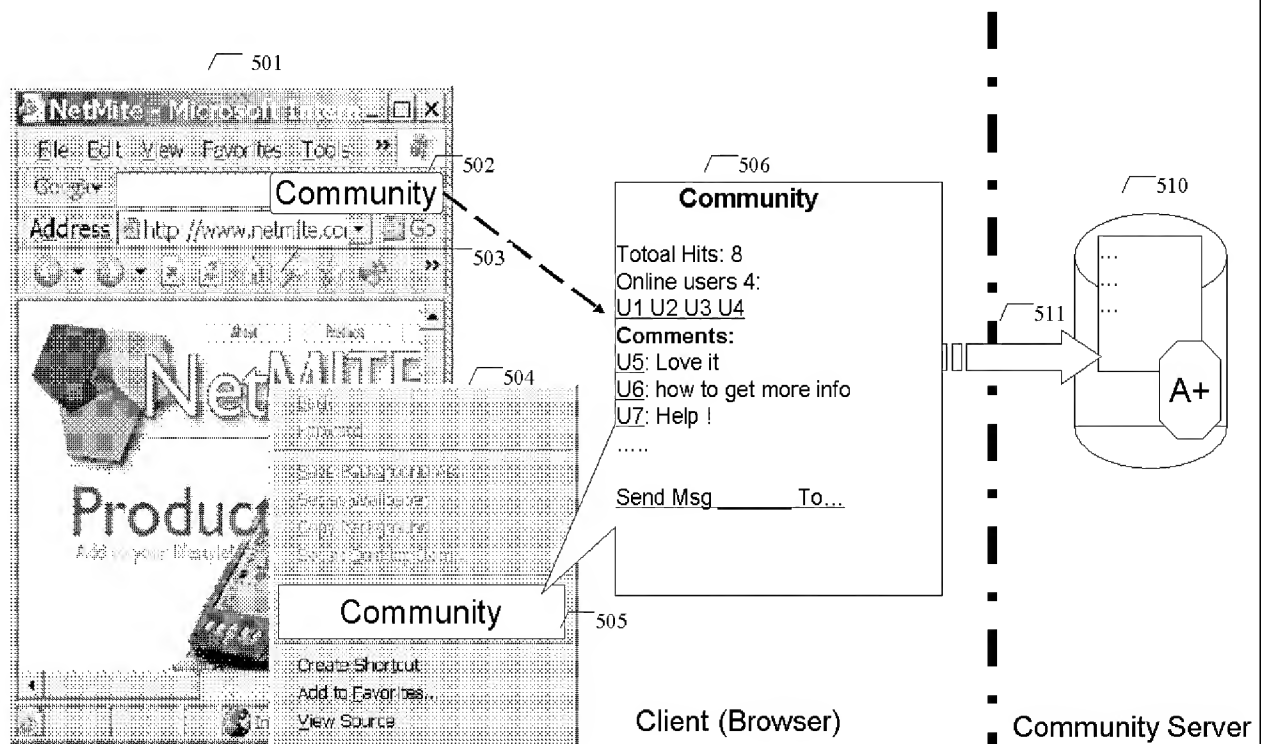
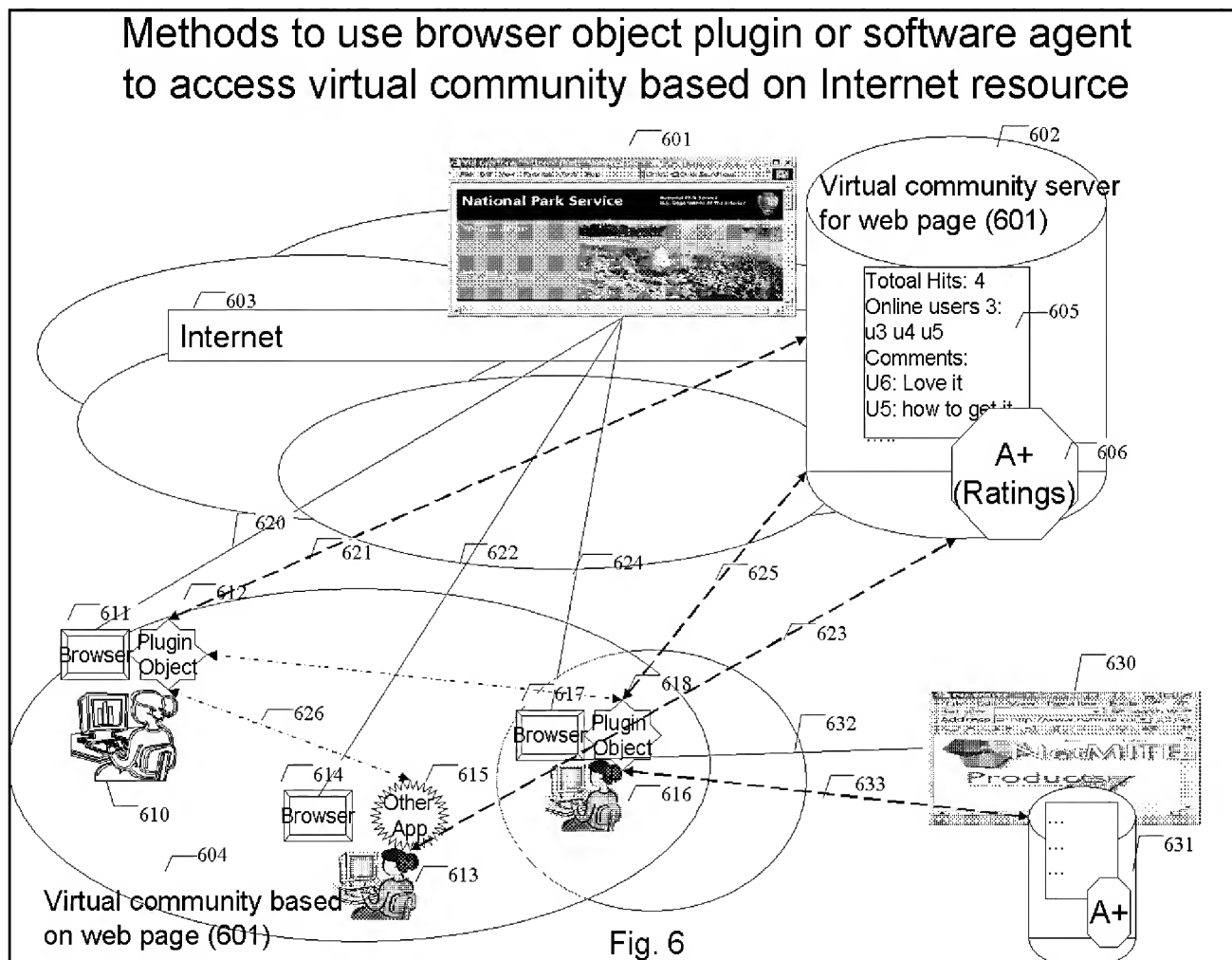
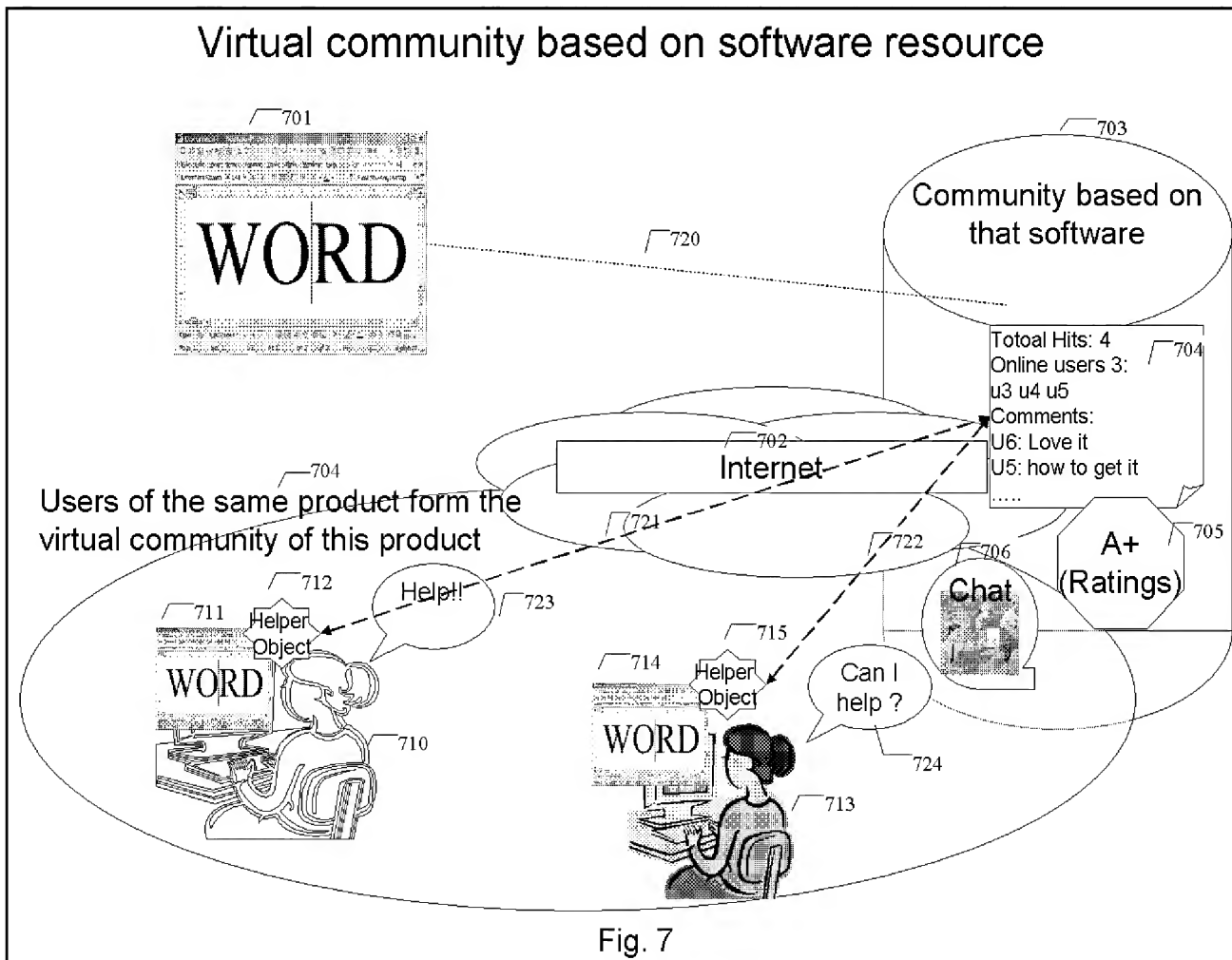


Fig. 5

Methods to use browser object plugin or software agent to access virtual community based on Internet resource



Virtual community based on software resource



Universal virtual community server managers all virtual communities based on all resources in the world

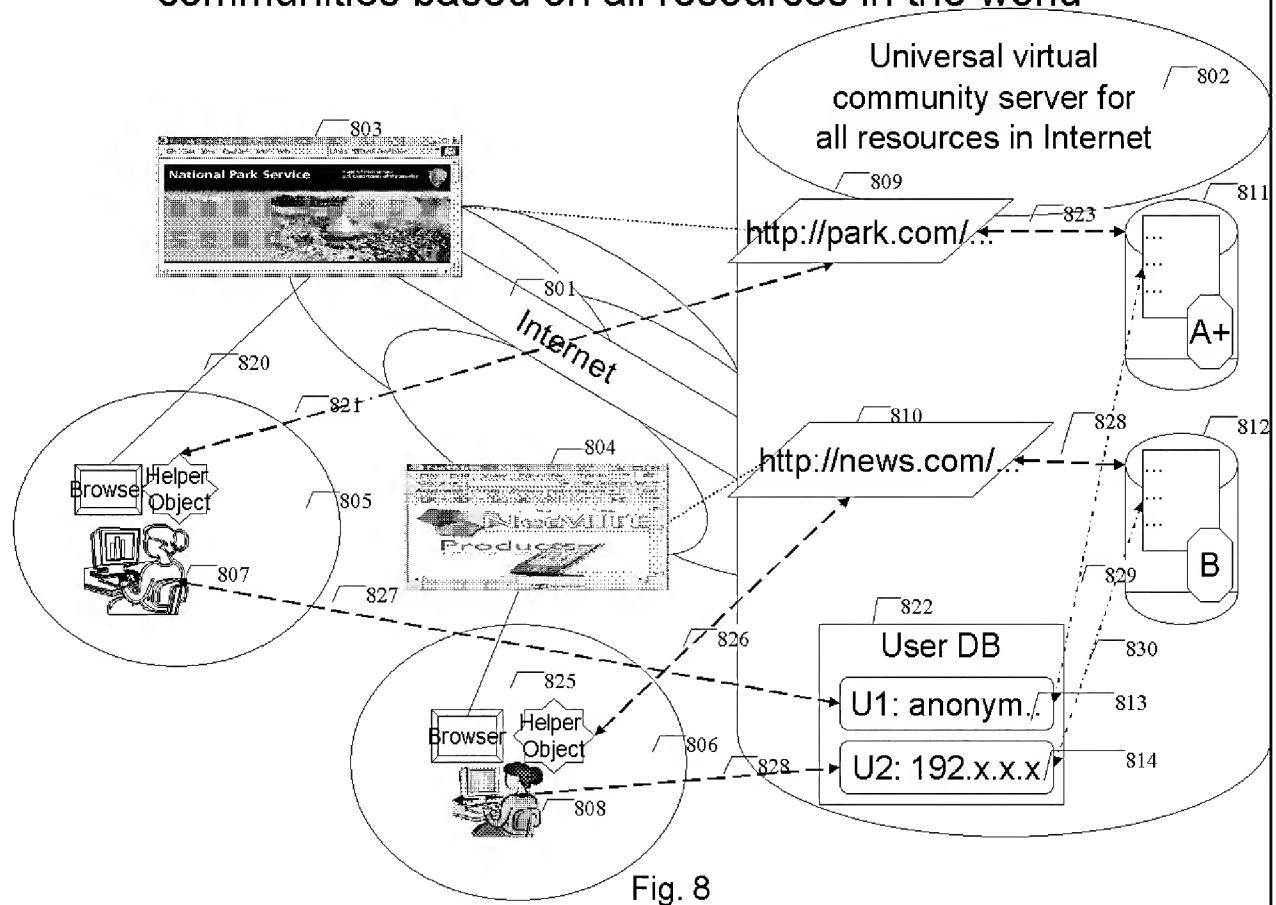


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